

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of inhibiting hair growth, which comprises administering an inhibitor of elastase-like enzymes or a neutral endopeptidase inhibitor.  
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2. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the inhibitor of elastase-like enzymes is another inhibitor of elastase-like enzymes than a matrix metalloproteinase  
10 inhibitor.
3. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the inhibitor of elastase-like enzymes is an inhibitor of an elastase-like enzyme derived from a dermoepidermal  
15 fibroblast.
4. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the neutral endopeptidase inhibitor is an inhibitor of a neutral endopeptidase derived from a dermoepidermal  
20 fibroblast.
5. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the enzyme inhibitor is topically administered to an area desired to inhibit hair growth.